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This morning to Magnolia Gardens and Middleton Place. The latter has my favorite landscaping. Tunnels of camelias in full bloom, to say nothing of gigantic live oaks, the finest of which, the "Middleton Oak", is reckoned at 900 years old. The owners, the Pringle Smiths, recognized the Kittredges in the distance and asked us into their house. It was one wing of the original dwelling that was destroyed, like most of the South Carolina plantation houses, during Sherman's march.

Tea one day with Ben's lovely Mother, another day with Josephine Pinckney, a morning call on Ben's attractive aunt, purchase of lots of books on local subjects. The time flies.

We left tonight regretfully for Washington.

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